



Welcome to the Wildcat Parent Meeting

2023 ~ 2024

9TH AND 10TH GRADE



COUNSELING TEAM

A - Cam	Gabby (Joan) Delgado
Can - Fen	Felicia McKinney
Feo - Hoa	Penny Harvey
Hob - Loo	Tammi Deaton
Lop - Ngo	Heather Yates
Ngp - Roc	Cheryl Foster
Rod - Thi	Laura Cassidy
Thj - Z	Kyle Critton

Lead Counselor	Jodi Meinhardt
Secretary	Wren Hartley
Secretary	Debra Roznovsky
Social Worker	Kelley Rasmussen
College & Career Specialist	Stephanie England

HOW TO CONTACT A COUNSELOR

Students

- Counselor QR code on posters throughout the building
- Before/after school
- During lunch
- Email

Parents

- Email: `firstname.lastname@cfisd.net`
- Phone: 281-213-1800
- By appointment

CWHS Website:

<https://www.cfisd.net/domain/1120>



COUNSELING OFFICE SUPPORT

▪ Academic

- Grade level conferences**
- Course planning and scheduling assistance**
- Testing information (AP, ASVAB)**
- Scholarship and FAFSA information –
Stephanie England**
- Fee waivers for SAT/ACT and College
Applications for students on the
free/reduced lunch program**

COUNSELING OFFICE SUPPORT

- **Social/Emotional**
 - **Help with crisis/stress/anxiety**
 - **Referrals for outside counseling/therapy**
 - **“Students in Transition” liaison**
 - **Teen parenting liaison**
 - **Social worker (Community Youth Services Specialist)**
- **Confidentiality – we cannot maintain confidentiality if your student shares with us that:**
 - **They or another student are engaging in activities that could be harmful or life threatening**
 - **They want to harm themselves or another person**
 - **Another person may be in harm’s way**
 - **Someone is doing something to harm them**





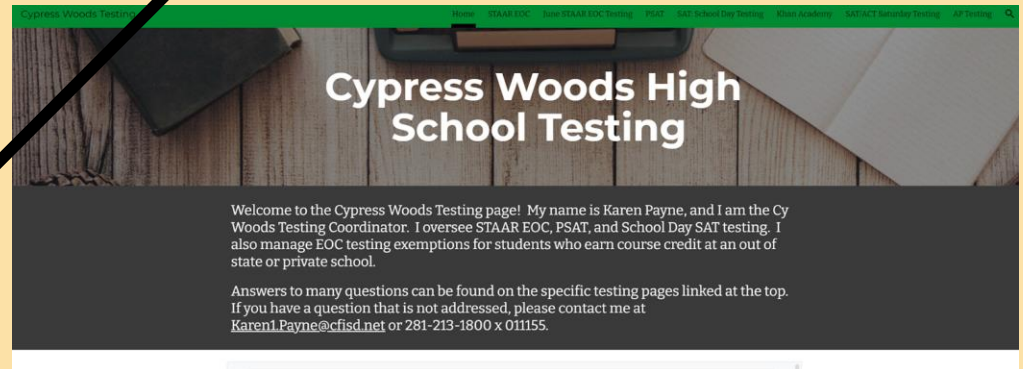
TESTING INFORMATION

CY WOODS TESTING SITE

From the **Cy Woods Homepage**, click on **Parents & Students** and then choose **COUNSELING**.



Click on **Testing** at the bottom of the menu to access the **Cy Woods Testing Site**.



Questions about PSAT/NMSQT, School Day SAT, and STAAR EOC should be directed to Karen Payne, Cy Woods Testing Coordinator @ karen.l.payne@cfisd.net

STAAR END-OF-COURSE (EOC) EXAM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- **STAAR EOC Courses: Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and US History**
- **Students who earn credit from a public, Texas school must pass the corresponding STAAR EOC exam for purposes of graduation.**
 - **A STAAR EOC exam does not impact course averages or course credits.**
- **STAAR EOC course credits earned at institutions away from public, Texas schools (such as private schools and out of state schools) are exempt from the STAAR EOC exam graduation requirement.**

STAAR END-OF-COURSE (EOC) EXAM REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- **Students typically participate in STAAR EOC exams in the spring semester as they are finishing a course.**
- **Additional testing opportunities are available for students who are absent/unsuccessful in summer (June) and fall (December) each year. The STAAR EOC exam schedule is set by the state.**

STAAR END-OF-COURSE (EOC) EXAM MODE CHANGE

- **Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the STAAR testing program (including EOC exams) moved to computer-based exams.**
- **CFISD students will test using their CFISD Chromebook.**
- **Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the time limits on STAAR Assessments, including EOC exams, was removed.**
- **Ensure your child brings their fully charged Chromebook and charger to school each day. Getting into the habit now will mean your child has the tools needed on test days**
Chromebook and charger to school each day.
- **“When you’re home, charge your Chrome!”**

PSAT/NMSQT

- **PSAT (and SAT) are going digital.**
 - **PSAT Fall 2023 and forward will be fully digital**
 - **SAT Spring 2024 and forward will be fully digital**
- **Students will test on their CFISD Chromebook using an app by College Board called Bluebook.**
- **Students who participate in October PSAT testing *should* receive notification of score availability via the e-mail address they provide during testing. Scores should be available by November 6th.**
- **This notification e-mail *should* provide details regarding how to set up a College Board account so that scores can be accessed. If your child already has a College Board account and provides the same e-mail address during October testing, the scores should be available in their account by November 6th.**
- **Regretfully, Cy Woods is unable to assist with College Board accounts.**



GRADUATION PLAN AND CREDITS

State Mandated Testing Requirements

STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments:

English I	English II	Biology	US History	Algebra I
April 9	April 11	April 23	April 24	April 25

- **Move-in students from home school, private school, or out-of-state public school settings with a transcribed EOC course will NOT be required to test in that subject**
- **Retest opportunities to reach passing are offered in December, Spring, or Summer**
- **Passing EOC assessments is a graduation requirement.**

FOUNDATION GRADUATION PLAN + ENDORSEMENT

- **All students will begin high school on the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) with an endorsement**
- **Students create a 4-year plan in 8th grade, and they tweak it as a 9th grader in their Pace class.**
- **The endorsement chosen will determine many of your elective choices**
- **Endorsement plan may be changed beginning in 10th grade**
- **For more information, enter “Course Description Book” in the search bar on CFISD.net**




Academic Discipline	Foundation	Endorsement	Distinguished*
	Credits	Credits	Credits
English and PACE (1/2)	4 ½ credits		
Math	3	1	including Algebra II
Science	3	1	
Social Studies	3		
Foreign Language	2		
Fine Arts	1		
PE (1) + Health (1/2)	1 ½		
Electives	4	2	
Total Credits for Graduation	22	26	26
			* Eligible for top 10% admissions to Texas public 4-year institutions and TEXAS Grant eligibility

ENDORSEMENT OPTIONS


- **Multidisciplinary**
 - Provides students the opportunity to take a variety of courses, in addition to core requirements
- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)**
 - Must take Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics
- **Business & Industry**
- **Public Services**
- **Arts & Humanities**

PROGRAMS OF STUDY


Following a program of study can lead to special certifications.




AGRICULTURE
(4 Program Options)




ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION
(4 Program Options)




ARTS, AV
TECHNOLOGY &
COMMUNICATIONS
(4 Program Options)



MANUFACTURING
(2 Program Options)




STEM
(4 Program Options)




TRANSPORTATION,
DISTRIBUTION &
LOGISTICS
(1 Program Option)




Scan the QR code to learn more about what CFISD has to offer in the career and technical education areas.




BUSINESS, MARKETING & FINANCE
(4 Program Options)




EDUCATION &
TRAINING
(2 Program Options)




HEALTH SCIENCE
(4 Program Options)



HOSPITALITY &
CULINARY ARTS
(1 Program Option)



HUMAN
SERVICES/COSMETOLOGY
(1 Program Option)



INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
(3 Program Options)

DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT

- **Requirements:**
 - **4 credits in math, including Algebra II**
 - **4 credits in science**
 - **All other FHSP requirements, AND**
 - **At least one endorsement**
- **A student must earn the Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for the top 10% automatic admission (University of Texas is top 6%)**

CFISD Grading Scale

CFISD uses a 6.0 weighted scale

GRADING SCALE	ON-LEVEL GPA POINTS	K, H, AP/DC GPA POINTS
90 – 100 = A	6.0	7.0
80 – 89 = B	5.0	6.0
75 – 79 = C	4.0	5.0
70 – 74 = C-	3.0	4.0
0 – 69 = F	0	0

K/AP Entry Criteria:

L to K/AP: 85+ yearly average in previous course

K,H/AP to K,H/AP: 75+ spring semester average in previous course



Earning Credits

- **How is the semester grade calculated?**
 - 1st grading period grade - added three times
 - 2nd grading period grade - added three times
 - Semester exam - counts as 1/7 of the semester grade

$$\text{MP1} = 85 \times 3 = 255$$

$$\text{MP2} = 95 \times 3 = 285$$

$$\text{Semester Exam} = 88$$

$$\text{Semester Average} = (255+285+88) / 7 = 90 \text{ (A)}$$

- **If the first semester of a year-long course is failed, the student must pass the second semester with a high enough grade to result in a **yearly average** of 70 or higher.**

Class Rank and GPA

- **Class rank and GPA are reported on student transcripts**
- **GPA is determined by semester averages and is cumulative**
- **GPA is run one time per year at the end of the summer for grades 9, 10 and 11**
- **The GPA and rank from the end of junior year will be used when applying to colleges**
- **Senior ranking is performed at the end of the first semester and after the third grading period (to identify honor graduates and graduation walk order only)**

WHAT IS PASS/FAIL?

- **CFISD encourages students to pursue areas of special talents and aptitude, while not impacting their GPA with on-level grade points**
- **Available to juniors and seniors in areas of study that are beyond requirements for graduation (GPA must include at least 26 credits)**
- **Maximum benefit obtained by students who have more K-level than on-level courses on their final transcript, AND**
- **Earns mostly A's in all courses of study (has a GPA of 6.0 or higher)**

PASS/FAIL COURSES

- **Must meet all graduation requirements to qualify**
- **Application due within the first 8-10 days of semester**
- **3rd or 4th year course in a four-year elective program (Ex: Athletics III; Band IV)**
- **Limited to two credits total (one in 11th grade, one in 12th grade)**
- **Students receive a number grade on their report card for each grading period. This may impact honor roll**
- **Grade not calculated in GPA or class rank**
- **Transcript will show a “P” or “F”**

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY UPDATE

- **Exam exemptions are a behavior and attendance **incentive**. To qualify, students must meet the following criteria:**
 - **five or fewer absences**
 - **three or fewer tardies**
 - **an average of 75 or higher for the semester**
 - **an E, S, or I in conduct**
 - **no OSS, ALC, or JJAEP Placement**
 - **no fees or fines**
- **The Assistant Principal's office handles all exemptions.**

HOW MANY FINALS CAN I EXEMPT?

Grade Level	Fall Exemptions	Spring Exemptions
9th	1	1
10th	2	2

EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

- **Dual Credit**

- **Through Lone Star College**
- **Must meet CFISD and Texas college qualification standards**
- **Two-part registration process begins in March for the 24-25 school year**
- **Credit earned by successful completion of course with a C or better**

- **AP**

- **Selected during course registration**
- **Must meet CFISD advanced course entry criteria**
- **AP exam score and college policies determine credit(s) earned**

AP EXAMS

Two-step process for registering and paying for AP exams:

Step 1 - REGISTERING:

Create a CollegeBoard account at

<https://myap.collegeboard.org/login>. Students will then register for AP exams they plan on taking.

Step 2 - PAYING:

Create an account at www.totalregistration.net/AP/443302.

Students will then select and pay for the AP exams they plan on taking. Student should receive a confirmation page stating they have selected and paid for their AP exams.

AP EXAMS

- **Students who are not in an AP class but want to take an AP test, must stop by the Counselors' Office for information on registering as an independent for the "exam only" section.**
- **More information is available on the Counselor page on the Cy-Woods website.**

Regular Registration Deadline

Wednesday, November 1st at 5:00 pm

Late Registration Deadline

Friday, November 3rd at 11:59 am

Includes a \$10 late registration fee per exam

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- **N.H.S. is an organization for students who are talented academically, portray leadership, and are actively involved in the community.**
- **Invitations to apply will be distributed to students that meet the minimum GPA requirement in October.**
- **Prerequisites:**
 - ✓ **5.8 GPA**
 - ✓ **Junior or senior status**
 - ✓ **Conduct grades of E or S for current school year**
 - ✓ **Attendance in current high school for at least one semester**
- **For more information, contact sponsors:**
 - **Mrs. Becky Rivard** (Rebecca.Rivard@cfisd.net)
 - **Mrs. Tiffany Cross** (Tiffany.Cross@cfisd.net)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Service Requirements:

- Must have been involved with a minimum of three years of clubs or organizations since **freshman** year.
- Students must have a minimum of two **different** service activities per year with 20 hours of service overall.
- Students must have a minimum of two leadership positions since beginning of high school. Positions could be in school or out of school activities.

JOINING CLUBS AT CY WOODS

Website:

WWW.CFISD.Net/Page/2999

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for 'Our School', 'Academics', 'Parents & Students', 'Student Activities', 'Athletics', 'School News', and 'Calendar'. The main header features the 'WILDCATS' logo and 'Cypress Woods High School' name, along with buttons for 'CFISD HOME', 'SCHOOLS', and a search icon. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Student Activities > Clubs > Student Clubs'. The 'CLUBS' section includes a filter for 'A-F' and a list of 12 clubs with their respective icons: African Students Association (ACA), Art Club, Asian Pacific American Culture Club, Calligraphy Club, Card Game Club, Cinema Club, CW 212 Dancing Club, Entrepreneurship & Finance Club, eSports Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, French Club, and French National Honor Society.













CLUBS

> Student Clubs

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YEAR TO YEAR



FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL

- Get involved in clubs and activities
- Explore college and/or career interests
- Monitor your grades on HAC and seek help from teachers/attend tutorials as needed
- Start keeping record of your high school activities
- Order AP EXAMS **NOW**
- Pay for AP EXAMS **NOW**

SPRING

- Register for next year courses through PACE
- Update Registration on course verification via Parent HAC in late spring
- Start your high school resume
- Monitor your grades on HAC and seek help from teachers/attend tutorials as needed
- Finish the year strong



SOPHOMORE YEAR

• FALL

- Get involved in clubs/activities
- Monitor your grades on HAC and seek help from teachers/attend tutorials as needed
- Take the October PSAT
- Explore college and/or career interests
- Explore college websites for admission requirements and degree information
- Order AP EXAMS **NOW**
- Pay for AP EXAMS **NOW**

SPRING

- Update your high school resume
- Familiarize yourself with college application openings and deadlines
- Register for next year courses with your counselor
- Monitor your grades on HAC and seek help from teachers/attend tutorials as needed
- Verify junior year courses via Parent HAC, in late spring



IMPORTANT FALL DATES

October 3: PSAT (All 10th Graders)

October 4: PSAT (9th Graders in College Academy)

October 20: Last day of 1st grading period

October 30: College Fair during all lunches

November 3 at 11:59 A.M. : Final ordering deadline for all full-year and first-semester AP courses

November 15: ASVAB (sign up in the counseling office by 11/3)

December 21: Last day of 2nd grading period/fall semester



IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

February: Dual credit meeting, prior to
Registration window

February/March: 10th grade Spring
Conferences with counselors.

March 8: Last day of 3rd grading period

April 26th: Final Day to Register for Dual
Credit Classes for Fall of 2025

April 30: Last day to make course changes

May 31: Last day of final grading
period/second semester



IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

Testing:

April 9: English I EOC

April 11: English II EOC

April 23: Biology EOC

April 24: US History EOC

April 25: Algebra I EOC

May 6 – May 17: AP Testing



OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE AND CAREER RESOURCES AT WOODS

- **Stephanie England**
 - **CWHS College & Career Specialist**
 - www.tinyurl.com/cw212college
 - **Located in the library**

- **Lone Star College Connections Advisor**
- **Available in the library later in the school year.**
- **See Mrs. England for an appointment.**



TOP 10% RULE

- **Public universities and colleges in Texas automatically admit students in the top 10% of their graduating class**
 - ***EXCEPTION:* University of Texas at Austin admits the top 6% of freshmen applicants through spring of 2024.**
- **Students are not guaranteed a specific major**
- **Check university websites for admissions policies for applicants not in the top 10% of their graduating class.**

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

ACADEMICS

- **GPA**
- **Class rank**
- **SAT/ACT Scores**
- **Rigorous course work**

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- **Essays**
- **Honors & achievements**
- **Extracurricular activities**
- **Work experience**
- **Community service**
- **Commitment to a program**

GET INVOLVED!

- **Colleges want to know what a student did outside of their academic time.**
 - **Clubs, Teams, and School Organizations**
 - **Leadership Positions**
 - **Community Service/Volunteering**
 - **Community Based Projects**
- **Start keeping a record/resume of all the activities and accomplishments.**

HELPING YOUR WILDCAT

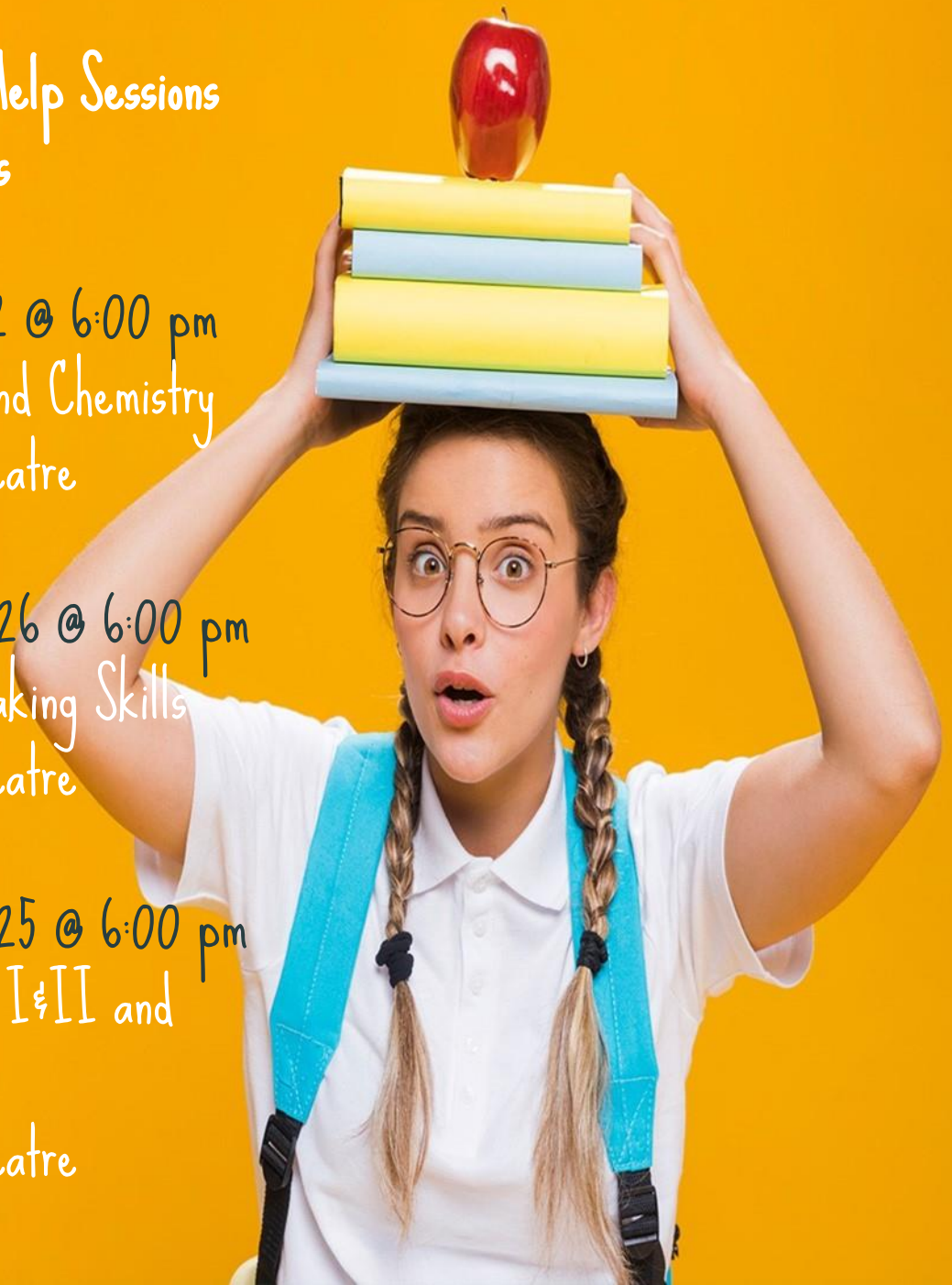
- **Require students to attend school regularly**
- **Let counselors know if a student is experiencing a crisis situation**
- **Frequently monitor assignments and grades on HAC**
- **Check in with your student's teachers**
- **Help students balance academic and extracurricular commitments**
- **Remind students that they need to plan study time each day**
- **Encourage students to participate in volunteer activities at school and in the community, although this is not a graduation requirement.**

The Extra Degree - Evening Study Help Sessions for Students and Parents

Session I: October 9 and January 22 @ 6:00 pm
How to Study for Science - Biology and Chemistry
Cypress Woods Teaching Theatre

Session II: October 30 and February 26 @ 6:00 pm
How to Study for History - Note Taking Skills
Cypress Woods Teaching Theatre

Session III: December 4 and March 25 @ 6:00 pm
How to Study for Math - Algebra I&II and
Geometry
Cypress Woods Teaching Theatre



VISIT US ON THE COWHS WEBSITE

[HTTPS://WWW.CFISD.NET/PAGE/204](https://www.cfid.net/page/204)

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Cypress Woods High School website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.cfid.net/cywoods>. The website features a dark red navigation bar with the following menu items: Home, Our School, Academics, Parents & Students, Student Activities, Athletics, School News, and Calendar. A red arrow points to the 'Parents & Students' link. Below the navigation bar, the 'Parents & Students' dropdown menu is open, listing: Resources, Back to School, Policies & Procedures, Counseling (highlighted in yellow), Transportation, and Schedules. A red arrow points to the 'Counseling' option. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'THIS MONTH AT THE WOODS' overlaid on a large 'W' logo. Below the banner, a section titled 'This Month at the Woods' contains the text: 'October is here Wildcats! Check out what is happening THIS MONTH AT THE WOODS.' and 'OCTOBER - THIS MONTH AT THE WOODS'. The website footer includes the URL <https://www.cfid.net/domain/1120> and the system clock showing 12:49 PM on 10/15/2021.





College Academy Parent Meeting

Saturday, September 16

Grades 9&10: meet at 10AM
Grades 11&12: meet at 11:30AM

Cypress Woods High School
Teaching Theater (upstairs)

Meetings will begin immediately after
the Counselors' Parent Meetings

WILDCAT PARENTS...

*THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US!*

~ The CWHS Counseling
Team

Get in touch with us:

